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Mr. Ralph Stein, Associate Director for Systems Integration and Regulations Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy, RW-30 Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Stein:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Department of Energy (DOE) remove the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff from its list of recipients of controlled Quality Assurance (QA) program documents from DOE Headquarters, DOE program offices, and DOE contractors associated with the Yucca Mountain Project (YMP).

Currently, the NRC staff receives several DOE/YMP QA program documents, and revisions thereto, that are controlled through a copy number specifically assigned to NRC. Each time a document is changed, the NRC staff receives a controlled copy of the document and a document transmittal/acknowledgment record form which must be returned to the particular document control office. In addition, the document transmittal also involves extra administrative effort within the NRC document control system.

The NRC usually receives an uncontrolled copy of these documents either for information or with a request for review and comment or approval. At this time, the uncontrolled versions of the documents are adequate to support our activities.

Consequently, due to this extra administrative burden, and in accordance with the intent of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, (Public Law 96-511-Dec. 11, 1980) the NRC requests that DOE remove NRC from its list of recipients of controlled QA documents for the YMP. However, each time a QA program type document is revised and approved by DOE, the NRC staff requests that DOE transmit an uncontrolled copy of this revision to it.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact the NRC QA Project Manager, Mark Delligatti on (301) 492-0430.

Sincerely,

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